

Dear Mr. Faich L. Kranitz,

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I read your letter of August 16 addressed to the director of the department of war history of Japanese navy. This is the only national organization on the research of war history in Japan. The informations you have asked are given below.

About the Stone wall.

- o Tokugawa Shogunate bought her for \$400,000 from United States.
- o She arrived at shinagawa port in April, 1868.
- o On the return of political power of Shogunate, she belonged to Japanese government and was named the Kotetsubaru.
- o She sailed from Shinagawa in March, 1869 to join the government forces as the flagship in Nabedate battle. The captain was Shiro Nakajima and the crew were 150 in number.
- o She was on duty in Yokohama in 1870.
- o She was renamed the Azumabaru in December, 1871

- She was a standing squadron in 1873.
- She guarded Nagasaki in the battle of Saga in 1874.
- She guarded Kobe in the battle of Seinan in 1877.
- She was a standing squadron in Tokai naval station in 1879.
- She was a flagship in the naval station in 1884.
- She was put out of commission on 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan. in 1888.

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